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KC MAN INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing a firearm.

Justin M. Weston, 19, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury today in Kansas City.

The three-count federal indictment alleges that **Weston** was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver on July 26, 2003, and a Smith and Wesson .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol and .45 caliber ammunition on Nov. 3, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of a firearm or ammunition. **Weston** has two 2003 criminal felony convictions for narcotics trafficking and possession of a controlled substance.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment is simply an accusation and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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